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Applicant(s) : Kornelia BERGHOF et al.  
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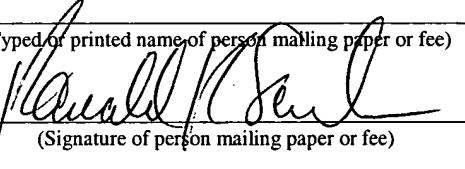
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time in order to respond to the official action dated November 3, 2004. A grant of this request will reset the due date from February 3, 2004 until March 3, 2004. The requisite government fee for a one month extension of time for a small entity (\$55) is included in the enclosed check for \$440. Applicants also

enclose a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) transmittal for this application. The requisite fee for this RCE for a small entity (\$385) is included in the enclosed check for \$440.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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